

PATENTIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bernard R. Ador Examiner: A. Chin-Shue
Serial No.: 10/023,485 Group Art Unit: 3634
Filed: October 30, 2001 Confirmation No.: 3531
Docket No.: 225P10US01
Title: PERSONAL SAFETY DEVICE FOR A VERTICAL ROPE

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Response is being submitted in reply to the Office Action dated May 13, 2003. Should the Examiner maintain that a restriction requirement is proper and not withdraw the restriction requirement, please amend the application as follows: